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(Continued).

Tuesday, March 7.  
On the morning of the house today several petitions and reports were presented.

On the motion of Hon. Mr. McMillan the House went into Committee of the Whole to consider a bill "to authorize the raising by way of a loan, certain sums of money for the purpose of the public service."

An animated one, Messrs. Martin, Macdonald, Frame, and the Hon. Mr. McMillan took part. The motion was then carried and the bill was then put, the voting being as follows:

For—Hon. Messrs. Greenway, Cameron, Sifton, Watson and McMillan; Messrs. Hettie, Mickle, Coleclough, Campbell, Dickson, McIntyre, Young, Graham, Morton, Smith, Rutherford, Bird, E. Winkler, A. Winkler, Duncan, McNaught, Ironside, Myers, Jerome—25.

Against—Messrs. Fisher, Frame, Lyons, Pare, Davidson, Macdonald, Martin, O'Malley, Armstrong, McFadden, Kellett and Hartney—12.

The bill was read according to the third time.

After notice of introducing of some bills, introduction of others, and the passing of certain bills the second time, the House adjourned until the evening.

On the speaker taking the chair in the evening, the seventh report of the committee on standing orders was presented. Other routine business having been disposed of, Mr. Martin moved that the election act should be amended so as to provide for a better system of compiling the electoral lists. After speaking to the motion it was put, the voting being as follows:

For—Messrs. Fisher, Frame, Lyons, Pare, Davidson, Macdonald, Martin, O'Malley and Hartney—9.

Against—Hon. Messrs. Greenway, Cameron, Sifton, Watson and McMillan; Messrs. Hettie, Mickle, Coleclough, Campbell, Young, Morton, Smith, Bird, E. Winkler, A. Winkler, Duncan, Bird, McNaught and Ironside—18.

Mr. Fisher then moved for a readjustment of the electoral divisions, mainly on the lines of the act of 1888, regarding the creation of two additional seats in 1892, and that the matter be referred to a select committee of the House, each side being equally represented. Mr. Fisher spoke at some length, going into details.

Mr. Sifton replied on behalf of the Government, stating that in the motion made simply for a better system of redistribution it might have been accepted, but could not in the manner it was brought forward.

A lengthy discussion followed, in which Messrs. Macdonald, Martin, McNaught, Hettie, Cameron, Greenway, Cameron and Watson took part. Mr. Fisher having replied, the motion was put and lost, by a vote of 21 to 12.

Mr. Macdonald moved for a detailed statement of the expenditure of the \$1,500,000 loan negotiated by the Government in 1892, and the balance, if any, of such sum of \$1,500,000 remaining unexpended.

In speaking to the motion Mr. Macdonald stated that the money was being paid out as follows:

The motion was put and declared lost without a division. A similar vote had been given in 1892, and that the financial standing of this province the representative body of this House should be reduced to thirty members."

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At the sitting of the House to-day Mr. McIntyre presented the fifth report of the committee on private bills; Mr. Graham, the fifteenth report of the committee on amendments; and Mr. Morton the second report of the committee on public accounts.

The following bills were given their third reading: A bill to amend "The Farmers' Provincial Loan Company's Act," a bill to amend "The Municipal Act," and a bill to amend "The Assessment Act."

The debate on the second reading of Mr. Jerome's bill to repeal "The Public Schools Act," was then resumed. The motion was fully discussed, in which Messrs. Prendergast, Armstrong, O'Malley, Pare, Frame, Fisher, and McMillan took part. Some of the speakers contended for a purely secular system, others maintained the cause of separate schools and the necessity of religious instruction. The present system was championed by others as being equally fair alike to all. On Mr. Jerome's motion being put it was lost by a vote of 31 to 4. The vote being Messrs. Fisher, Pare, Prendergast and Jerome; against all the rest of the House, excepting the speaker, and Mr. Macdonald who was absent.

After the reading of some bills the second time, the introduction of others and the giving of notices by members, the House adjourned till the evening.

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he hoped with these amendments the law would be better enforced. The report of the committee on the bill to amend the liquor license act was then received and it was read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Mr. Cameron explained the nature of a bill to amend "An Act to authorize the Corporation of the City of Winnipeg to construct and operate Water Works in said city and for other purposes connected therewith," which was read the third time without objection and passed. Mr. McIntyre voting against it.

The following bills were passed in committee of the whole, and read the third time: A bill to amend "The Manitoba Summary Convictions Act," and to further amend "The Surrogate Courts Act." A bill to incorporate "The Winnipeg Canal and Water Power Co." A bill to protect horse breeders in the Province of Manitoba.

A number of bills were then read a second time and referred to the committee on law amendments, after which a motion for the reception of the report of public accounts committee was carried, and the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 9.

On the house assembling to-day, Mr. Myers presented the sixteenth report of the committee on law amendments.

Mr. Macdonald asked for production of Dalton McCarthy's opinion re Ryan and House.

Mr. Martin rose to a question of privilege re his motion to amend the report of the public accounts committee, but his contention was not sustained.

Mr. Fisher wished to know what the Government proposed to do in regard to the relief of municipalities in the Western Judicial District.

Mr. Sifton said before anything could be done it would be necessary to have a very full consultation with the representatives of the municipalities interested.

Hon. Mr. Sifton laid on the table the report of the department of education for 1892.

A discussion followed on the dismissal by the municipal commissioner of the Penhina.

Mr. Lyons moved for copy of a petition of Charles Manns and others, asking aid to open certain roads in the electoral division of Norfolk.

Mr. Duncan inquired whether it was the intention of the Government to give any aid to the municipality of Morris, in order to adjust or reduce the railroad indebtedness of said municipality.

Hon. Mr. Greenway replied that the matter was under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. Davidson asked if the same would apply to Neepawa.

Mr. Greenway replied in the affirmative.

A bill respecting the Manitoba and Northern railway was considered in committee of the whole, and reported with some amendments.

A bill to amend "The Winnipeg Water Works Act" was passed through committee of the whole, and read a third time.

The House went into committee on the bill to incorporate "The Life Assurance Company of Manitoba," and after debate the bill was referred back to the law amendments committee for certain amendments, on the motion of Mr. Graham. The voting stood—

For—Messrs. Hettie, Burrows, Graham, Morton, Smith, Rutherford, Bird, E. Winkler, A. Winkler, Duncan, McNaught, Ironside, Myers, Jerome—12.

Against—Messrs. Fisher, Frame, Lyons, Pare, Davidson, Macdonald, Martin, O'Malley, Armstrong, McFadden, Kellett, Hartney—25.

Mr. Macdonald raised a question of privilege, stating that a point had been made against him re his absence in Brandon when a vote was taken on the school question. He wished to say that he was not in the habit of shirking votes. If he had been present he would have voted with the majority.

The number for Brandon, Mr. Macdonald, introduced a bill to amend "The Brandon General Hospital Act," it received its first and second readings.

The Hon. Mr. Watson gave notice of a motion in the following terms:

Whereas the protective policy of the present Dominion Government has been in force in Canada for a period sufficient to long to enable the people of Manitoba to fairly judge of its effect upon the trade and progress of the province; and whereas such a policy presses severely upon the people of Manitoba, particularly the agricultural and working class, by maintaining extravagantly high prices on many articles required for everyday use throughout the province, or the Dominion, as a whole, receiving a corresponding benefit from such a policy, and whereas a policy of protection is unfair and unequal in its operation upon various classes of people and the continuance of the same will be productive of great discontent, as well as continue to hamper the natural development of the province; and whereas this House is fully aware of the facts connected with the matters herein recited, and it is the duty of the House to consider the bill for the purpose of placing itself on record as entirely disapproving of a policy which has retarded the progress of the country. Therefore this House declares its strong disapproval of the protective policy in regard to trade, and is of the opinion that the same should be speedily abolished and a tariff imposed for the purpose of revenue only.

Mr. Martin asked for a suspension of the rule re his motion regarding the public accounts to which Hon. Mr. Greenway objected.

At the evening session the municipal boundaries act amendments were discussed upon which Mr. Bird delivered his maiden speech. Messrs. Armstrong, Macdonald, McIntyre and Martin also took part in the discussion. After some returns for amendments which were lost the bill received its third reading and passed by a vote of 31 to 15 to 12.

Mr. Martin moved that the House adjourn until Wednesday, which being put was lost.

Friday, March 10th.

At the sitting of the House to-day some questions having been asked petitions and reports of committees presented, Hon.

Mr. Greenway moved the third reading of the bill respecting aid to railroads. A discussion followed on the bill to construct a line of railway to Lake Dauphin in which Messrs. Fisher, Burrows, Davidson, Young, Macdonald, Hettie, Martin, Armstrong, Lyons, Rutherford and the Hon. Mr. Watson joined. The motion for the third reading was carried.

The bill to incorporate "The Life Assurance Company of Manitoba," was after amendment so as to provide that policies shall have no surrender value until after three years and after three payments have been made was read the third time.

A bill to provide for certain tax matters in the county of Beautiful Plains was read the third time.

A bill to amend "An Act to Incorporate the Brandon General Hospital" was also read the third time.

The Hon. Mr. Watson then moved his motion condemning the present protective policy of the Dominion Government. Mr. Watson said he considered it the duty of the House to express itself as to the interests of the province. The boards of trade, Patrons of Industry and other organizations protested against the present customs tariff, and it was of the utmost importance to the future welfare of the province that the customs duties should be abolished, or, if not abolished, lowered to the lowest possible amount.

Mr. Macdonald admitted that a revision of the tariff might take place with benefit, but he could not go the length of the motion. He was ready to agree, if possible, upon a resolution which might be accepted by both sides of the House. He moved as an amendment: That all the works in the motion after the first paragraph be struck out and the following substituted: And whereas this House, having approved of the reductions that have been made in the tariff during the present session of the Dominion Parliament, is of the opinion that further reductions would be beneficial to the Province of Manitoba. Therefore, this House declares that the protective tariff should be further revised, and reduction take place having specially in view the requirements of the farming community of the province. A discussion followed, in which Messrs. Cameron, Martin, Fisher, O'Malley and Rutherford took part.

The amendment was then put and carried by a vote of 31 to 12.

Ayes—Messrs. Frame, Lyons, Pare, Prendergast, Davidson, Macdonald, Martin, O'Malley, Armstrong, McFadden, Kellett and Hartney—12.

Nays—Hon. Messrs. Greenway, Cameron, Sifton, Watson and McMillan; Messrs. Hettie, Mickle, Coleclough, Campbell, Dickson, Burrows, McIntyre, Young, Morton, Smith, Rutherford, E. Winkler, A. Winkler, Duncan, Bird, McFadden, Myers and Fisher—28.

The original motion was then put and carried, the vote being the same as the previous one, with the exception that Mr. Prendergast withdrew from the minority and voted with the majority, making the numbers 24 to 11.

Saturday, March 11.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock this afternoon, when the first session of the eighth legislature was prorogued. After a short appropriate speech, the Speaker vacated the chair.

The following are the bills passed and assented to by His Honor:

1. Administering oaths of office (pro forma).  
2. An act respecting a portion of the proceeds of school lands in the Province of Manitoba.  
3. An act prohibiting the registration of lien notes, hire receipts and orders for chattels in registry and land titles offices.  
4. An act to amend the County Courts Act.  
5. An act to amend the Surrogate Courts Act.  
6. An act to amend the Public School Act.  
7. An act to amend the Municipal Boundaries Act.  
8. An act to amend the Lunacy Act.  
9. An act to amend the bills of sale act.  
10. An act to amend the liquor license act.  
11. An act to provide for the payment of succession duties in certain cases.  
12. An act to secure compensation to workmen in certain cases.  
13. An act respecting the public health.  
14. An act to amend the act to authorize the city of Brandon to construct and operate waterworks in the said city and for other purposes connected therewith.  
15. An act to amend the execution act.  
16. An act to amend the foreign corporations act.  
17. An act to amend the animals diseases act.  
18. An act to amend an act respecting the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association.  
19. An act to amend the municipal act.  
20. An act to amend the devolution of estates act.  
21. An act to amend the electoral divisions act.  
22. An act to amend the church lands act.  
23. An act to amend the assessment act.  
24. An act for granting certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the civic government of the province, for the fiscal year ending the 31st of December, 1892, and for other purposes connected with the public service.  
25. An act to amend the garnishment act.  
26. An act to incorporate the Winnipeg District Colonization Company, Limited.  
27. An act to incorporate the Melita Northern railway company.  
28. An act to encourage the destroying of wolves.  
29. An act to incorporate the Freeman's hospital.  
30. An act to amend an act to incorporate the Manitoba Northwest Railway company.  
31. An act to amend the university act of Manitoba.  
32. An act respecting drainage.  
33. An act to amend the game protection act.  
34. An act to incorporate the Winnipeg Canal and Water power company.  
35. An act to further amend chapter 2 of 52 Victoria, entitled an act respecting the Northern Pacific and Manitoba railway company.  
36. An act to legalize By-law No. 21 of the rural municipality of Turtle Mountain.  
37. An act to amend chapter 31 of 54 Victoria, being an act to incorporate the Farmers' Provincial Loan company.  
38. An act to amend the public parks act.  
39. An act to amend the Master and Servants act.  
40. An act to amend an act to provide for certain tax matters in the county of Beautiful Plains.  
41. An act respecting the Manitoba and Northwestern railway company.  
42. An act to amend an act to incorporate the Winnipeg Life Assurance company of Manitoba.  
43. An act respecting aid to railroads.  
44. An act to amend an act to authorize the Corporation of the City of Winnipeg to construct and operate water works in said city and for other purposes connected therewith.  
45. An act to protect horse breeders in the province of Manitoba.

60. An act to amend the Manitoba summary convictions act.  
61. An act to authorize the raising by way of loan certain sums of money required for the public service.  
62. An act further to amend the surrogate courts act.  
63. An act to amend an act to incorporate the Brandon general hospital.

In dismissing the members from their parliamentary duties His Honor delivered the following speech:

At the expiration of this first session of the eighth legislature of a Manitoba I am pleased to express to you my commendation of your zeal and industry. The results of your unflinching and arduous labors will, I have no doubt, redound to the advantage of the province.

Many of the public measures which you have considered are of the greatest public importance, in view of unhappy occurrence in certain parts of the province last summer, and of the possible approach of that epidemic which caused such recent ravages on the coast of Europe, you have promptly passed a public health act, which regard as a measure of the utmost importance. While the provisions of the law may never be enforced to their full extent, nevertheless it is obviously necessary that their should be on the statute book a precautionary measure of the most stringent character.

He act respecting succession duties in certain cases I look upon as creating a just method of taxation, which no doubt will ultimately result in a considerable augmentation of the public revenue.

I have noted with much satisfaction the passage of an act amending the University Act, and an appropriation to be expended in university equipment. I trust that the result will be that higher education in this province will be more easily accessible.

The provisions made for the adequate representation of the Province at Chicago during the World's Columbian exposition. I am assured, will prove of great benefit to this province.

He act respecting aid to railroads for aid in the construction of a railroad into the fertile portions of the province lying in the vicinity of Lake Dauphin is one which will receive the approbation of the community.

I am pleased that you have made provision for the authorizing of a loan, sufficient to meet the demands created by the needs of this rapidly growing province, the people will no doubt justify the expenditure of money borrowed on the credit of their resources, provided such expenditure is wisely and prudently made, and I have the greatest confidence that the legislature has made such appropriation only as are justified by a proper regard for the development of the country.

The reforms which have been made in the existing laws by the amendments of the liquor license act, the public parks act, the municipal act, the assessment act, and other acts of this session, will, I am confident, meet with general approval.

I thank you for the liberal appropriations that have been made for the public service, your advisors will see that the sums appropriated by you are expended with the strictest regard for the public interest.

It now becomes my duty to bring this session to a close, and to relieve you from your duties, but my great interest is commended to you have been considered with the greatest care and utmost impartiality.

With united action upon the part of our citizens, seeking in prosperity by the development of its resources, and by the removal of the restrictions that have heretofore hampered its progress, we may well look forward to that day as not far distant when this province will assume its proper position amongst the members of confederation.

Hon. Mr. Cameron then, by command of His Honor, declared the House prorogued until April 11th.

New Girl—Young man has called to see you, men. Miss Lillian Langdon (glancing at card)—Mr. Fitz-James Macdonald: Gracious! I'm not fit to be seen! Tell him, Betty, that I'm—Oh, she's gone! New Girl (a moment later to young man)—Yes, sir, she's in, but, gracious! she's not fit to be seen.

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Winnipeg	Winnipeg		Winnipeg	Winnipeg
12:00	12:00	11 A. Winnipeg	11:25	11:25
12:10	12:10	11 A. Neepawa	10:42	10:42
12:20	12:20	11 A. Gladstone	9:57	9:57
12:30	12:30	11 A. Portage	8:55	8:55
12:40	12:40	11 A. Minto	7:55	7:55
12:50	12:50	11 A. Rapid City	6:00	6:00

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## Brandon Presbyterial W. F. M. S.

The annual meeting of this society was held at Carberry on Wednesday, March 15th. The first session opened at 10 o'clock. In the absence of Mrs. McKay, Mrs. R. C. Brown, of the Portage, acted as secretary.

The appointment of the Committee of Resolutions and Credentials having been made, reports were read from mission fields which were most encouraging.

Mrs. Cruphart, Brandon, presented the report of the Literature Committee, recommending certain publications as useful to the society.

The committee on credentials reported delegates present from Bales School, Brandon, Chatter, Carberry, Douglas, and Prospect, Humesville, Neepawa, Portage la Prairie, Rugby, Routhwaite, and Treherne, Melita and Burnside.

The following officers were nominated for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. McKay, Chatter; Vice-president, Mrs. Cruphart, Brandon; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. McEwen, Rugby; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. Walker, Carberry; recording secretary, Mrs. A. McKay, Portage la Prairie; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Murray, Brandon; treasurer, Mrs. Dr. McDiarmid, Brandon.

Mrs. Murray, of Brandon, was appointed to represent the Brandon Presbyterial at the Winnipeg Presbyterial Society at its next meeting.

An invitation was extended to the society on behalf of the Portage la Prairie auxiliary by Mrs. R. C. Brown, to hold its next meeting there in June, 1891, which was accepted.

In the afternoon Mrs. Pearson, on behalf of the Carberry auxiliary, presented the address of welcome, which was responded to by Mrs. R. C. Brown.

The Corresponding Secretary then read her report which gave a resume of the work of the society since its start sixteen years ago. There are now over 21,000 members and the contributions are most encouraging.

Report of the treasurer Miss Burns, of Brandon, showed the amount raised to \$1,273.48, an increase of \$290 over last year.

The president addressed the meeting urging all to greater zeal, and necessity of working hard in the cause. Quoting the words of Jesus, "Success is as sure as the promises of God," the president closed her address by offering more part to the work in the midst.

Mrs. Cruphart read a very interesting paper on "Practical Work" after which the "Pioneer" mission band gave a dialogue.

The report of the Indian school at Portage la Prairie was read showing advancement made by the pupils there.

Mrs. Sheehan, Brandon, read an excellent paper on "The effect of influence of missions." After which greetings were presented on behalf of the W. C. T. U. and the ladies aid society of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. McKay presented over the question drawer, giving satisfactory answers to the inquiries, all of which were of a practical nature. Resolutions of sympathy were passed with Rev. Mr. Carr, and the treasurer, Mrs. McKay, and the Neepawa auxiliary. Votes of thanks were passed to the presidents of Carberry for their kindness and hospitality to the delegates and the C. P. R. for granting reduced railway fares.

The Y. P. S. C. E. entertained the delegates to tea in the lecture room of the church, where a most enjoyable time of social intercourse was spent, and was much appreciated by all.

At eight in the evening the closing meeting was held. The Rev. Mr. McKay, pastor of the congregation, presided and spoke a few well chosen words. The corresponding secretary's report was read again, after which the Rev. Mr. Rowand, of Rapid City, gave the address of the evening. At the conclusion a vote of thanks was tendered to the reverend gentleman. A liberal collection was then taken up, and after singing "Gloria be to the Father," Mr. Rowand pronounced the benediction.

## BOARD OF TRADE.

A meeting of the Board of Trade was held in the City Hall, last night. Present: Mr. Durst, the president, Secy. Howard, and Messrs. Parrish, Butt, Johnson, Sutherland, Strone, Wood, Moor, Cliffe, Lee, Hooper, Cameron, Caldwell, Maltby, Zink, Campbell, and Fleming.

Minutes of last meeting and also the minutes of the council of the Board were read and adopted.

A communication was read from Hon. T. M. Daly re the Industrial School, in which he states that the plans are approved of, and placed in the hands of the Dept. of Public Works, with instructions to have contract for the building let.

An account of H. G. Dickson, D.L.S., was presented. The Secy. was instructed to inform him he must collect from the person ordering the work.

President Durst reported that the grant for \$800, had been made by the City Council but afterwards vetoed by the Mayor. After this matter had been fully discussed the following motion was carried unanimously:

Moved by W. Johnson, and seconded by A. F. Sutherland, that whereas, the council of the Board of Trade decided that a grant of \$800 from the city council was necessary to enable the Board of Trade to carry out the work, and the undersigned members of the board and business men of the city have carefully considered the request of the board are of the opinion that the city council should again be asked to vote the required sum and hereby respectfully urge the mayor and council of the city to vote the board the required sum.

This motion was put into the form of a petition, signed by the members present, and a committee appointed to have it signed by as many business men as possible and present it to the city council at their next meeting.

Many matters in which our citizens are interested were discussed, among them the establishing of a pork packery; mar-

ket days with reduced railway fare for the same; freight rates; the new assessment act for the city of Winnipeg; the G. N. W. C. Ry., etc. re the latter a committee was appointed to prepare a petition, have it signed and sent to the Hon. Mr. Daly asking him to use his influence to have a more progressive policy pursued by this company.

## MR. BRAITHWAITE.

To the Editor of the Brandon Mail.

Dear Sir:—An Editorial appeared in your issue of March 9th which is to say the least very misleading and very wide of the Truth.

I don't know who is the author of it, and it matters little. But one thing is clear, either the writer did not read or hear read my paper or he did not understand it, or otherwise he deliberately misinterpreted my intention. I said nothing about the time of last year. I said in my paper that, twice, had sold at the Factory for 6 to 7 cts. per lb., while we had paid from 12 to 16 cts. per lb. for same twice. I did say afterwards in the Discussion that the Farmers of Canada in 1890 paid nearly \$400,000 in the added cost of their twice, while only about \$8,000 went into the Treasury, again in 1891 they paid about \$300,000 in added cost, and only about \$1,200 went into the Treasury.

My information came from Hansard and the Blue Books of those years. Again I never said Canada's debt was \$500,000,000. I did say that our National debt was about \$600 for every man, woman and child in the Dominion and if it, you deduct from our reported population the wards of the Government and all taxable persons, I think by your own showing, I am within the mark, you admit our debt is \$285,000,000 this applies on my Basis to a population of 4,750,000 then as to the inference left with the people I know nothing. But I do know that seven-tenths of those who heard or read my paper, are better able to judge of those things than I am as to charging the Government with mismanagement I did not. I said our Government was too costly. I said our Government, direct and indirect, it costs as much to govern us as it costs us to live, outside of what we produce. For instance take the imports into Manitoba and Northwest of the United States, deduct from this the added cost on account of Tariff, subtract from this the cost of Municipal, Provincial, and Territorial Government, and the Balance would be a Millionaire. Besides I emphatically said that their opening up of our country and the paper expansion of our national life, necessitated a large expenditure and that I was prepared to give our Government credit for all it had done.

Then the Editorial goes on to show that the Government has paid out for Public work as soon equal to our present debt, this I don't deny. But I ask why have we not an available asset for a large percentage of this. I find at Confederation we had an asset of over \$17,000,000, with a net debt of \$75,000,000. Now we only have an asset of \$48,000,000, with a net debt of \$257,000,000. Again I notice the first year of Confederation (our Tariff) was \$3.26 cts per head, in 1891 it was \$6.69 per head, but no more need be said, enough for us to know that every dollar raised by the Government, has been paid by the people, and that very largely out of the necessities of life. None will deny this, who have ever gone through our Tariff sheet. The Mail claims to be very anxious to do what it can in relieving the Farmers of our country of some of the burdens unnecessary to them, and we give it credit for its aim. But if its motives are just and honest, why in all its columns should I see one of the suffering Farmers of this country be charged by it with sordid sinister motives. Because at the solicitation of my fellow farmers, I have the courage to stand up and conscientiously point out the only constitutional way to redress our grievances, in so far as I can see. I ask the Editor to please read my paper correctly. Criticize it fairly; give me credit for been actuated by as good motives as himself, and I ask the Farmers and other unbiased readers of the Mail, who heard or read my paper, to judge whether there was or was not, anything in it that could or should have been construed into meaning, what the Editor puts into that Editorial of March 9th.

I am charged with criticism. I never pulled a Grit vote until I became a Manitoba Farmer. But now I am a Patron and I am not ashamed of it. The Editor of the Mail is a Conservative but he sees the evils of the Tariff. But would it be right for me to say that he is writing and speaking against it effects from sinister and sordid motives. No and in conclusion let me say that if my Brother Patrons or Brother Farmers ask me at any time for an expression of opinion on any question that affects us I would give it. Yes if there be as many Cliffs in Brandon as there are Frick in her Blocks.

CHARLES BRAITHWAITE.

## SUICIDE AT EDMONTON.

All Edmonton is in a state of excitement over the suicide of Inspector Percy of the N. W. M. H. It appears he left his home at Police headquarters crossed over to South Edmonton and there visited Dr. Baldwin, saying that he did not feel well. The Dr. ordered him to be down, while he descended to the kitchen to get him some refreshment. Not suspecting Mr. Percy's condition he did not hurry back. While he was away Mr. Percy must have seen his double barrelled gun, belonging to the Dr., taking it down he must have loaded it, and placing the muzzle to his mouth pulled the triggers in some unknown manner. The effect was terrible. We are sorry to say he leaves a wife and family. No cause is assigned.

## The Narcotic is Lost.

NEW YORK, March 17. The White Star line steamer Narcotic has been out just 24 days from Liverpool without being seen or heard from, and the agents of the line in this city admitted this morning that they have given her up as lost.

## Brandon Farmers Institute.

MEETINGS each alternate Saturday. City Hall, Brandon. Next meeting, April 1st. Subject, "Immigration." Papers will be read by J. C. Sinclair, J. Postlewaite and J. M. Roddick.

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## LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. Henry Meredith has returned from his visit to Ontario.

G. R. Caldwell attended a sitting of the County Court held at Carberry last week.

J. A. Ocas, D. A. Hopper and F. H. McNaught, of Rapid City, paid a visit to Brandon last week.

Hamiota is thinking of offering \$10,000 cash and exemption for twenty years from taxation for a 200 barrel mill.

W. J. Ferguson, clerk of the Crown and Pleas, Brandon, was registered at the Manitoba, with his wife and son, last week.

Miss Baker, of Kingston, who takes charge of the kindergarten work at the Central school, enters on her duties this week.

Detective Foster left for the Portage last week, where he will take over a prisoner who is to stand his trial here at the next assizes.

Mr. S. A. Bedford, of the Experimental Farm, Brandon, addressed a meeting of the Farmers' Institute at Portage la Prairie last week.

The Brandon Dramatic and Operatic Society most kindly played *Ermine* at the Asylum last Thursday, much to the enjoyment of the staff and patients there.

The Indian who was charged with incest, and his wife, who assisted him in carrying out his designs, is committed to stand his trial at the assizes. The woman will also be tried.

It is with pleasure that we announce the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. McKelvie of the Royal Hotel, on Saturday night last. Mrs. McKelvie and the little one are, we are glad to say, doing well.

The contract for the Beasler House has been let by Mr. Beasler to Mr. Jas. Patterson. The hotel will be a very handsome one and larger than the old building. Mr. W. R. Marshall is the architect.

Mr. W. D. Baird, brother of J. D. Baird agent for the Frost & Wood Company, who has been ailing for some considerable time succumbed to the illness on Friday the 17th inst. His demise is sincerely regretted by a large circle of Manitobans to whom his genial ways had endeared him.

Messrs. Mr. Kenzie and Russel have been appointed sole agents for Brandon for the Cuckoo Implement Company, of Brantford, Ontario. It is their intention to handle all the goods manufactured by this company and keep a very large stock on hand, to do this, they will most probably, add to their present large warehouse.

The Hockey match which took place Friday night, between the Canadian Dragons and the Brandon club, at the Brandon rink, resulted in a victory for the home team, by a score of 6 games to 1. Winnipeggers will get tired of trying to take the laurels from the Brandon boys. The bankers and the military, both defeated.

Trotter Bros. have brought in lately a car load of young, general purpose horses from Ontario; judging from their appearance, we should say they are as useful a lot of young horses for general farm purposes, as are to be found in any stable in Manitoba, and from what was told us in regard to the prices, of good sound four year old teams, we should say cheap, for even this year of financial depression.

At the city Council on Monday night, the council sustained the vote of Mayor McDiarmid in regard to the \$800 grant to the Board of Trade. The assessment of \$100 more, and a vote of confidence was passed to Dr. and Mrs. McDiarmid on the loss of their child; and a good deal of other business was transacted, but our space this week being limited, we defer publication till next issue.

Uxbridge Piano Co., Uxbridge, Ont. Gentlemen.—The piano I purchased from you arrived safely and in order. I visited the leading music stores of this city with a view to purchase, but I did not see a piano that pleased me as this does. The tone is rich and powerful, and it has several valuable improvements that I never before saw in a piano. It has not been tuned since it left the factory and is still in good tune. Respect, Yours, Eugene Atkinson, Music Teacher, Toronto.

The fire that broke out on Rosser's, at the rear of Stockton's tailor shop on Wednesday night of last week did some very serious damage. The building was saved by the prompt arrival of the fire boys, and though it took them some time to get at the fire, they soon managed to get it under control, when once they located it. The following places were damaged: Mrs. Hardie's, millinery; H. Cowan's, barber; L. Stockton's, tailor, their shops and contents being badly damaged. The total loss will be about \$3,000, mostly covered by insurance. John Dickinson, owner of the building, is also a loser of \$1,000.

Duncan Wrightman, who got three months in goal a short time ago for stealing a coat was released the latter part of last week. For the first twenty-four hours after his release he found it impossible to get work or a place to sleep. So last Thursday he went into Mr. Young's store on Reaser Avenue and obtained two plugs of tobacco, which he said Mr. Mulvey, proprietor of the Pacific Hotel, had sent him for. He then went to the Chief and tried to obtain work through him, but not being successful he then asked the Chief to arrest him for obtaining the tobacco. This the obliging chief did, the result being that Mr. Wrightman was brought before P. M. Todd and found work at \$1 a day sitting up.

Mr. Campbell, who has been attending the Winnipeg Normal school, has come here and will take up first class work.

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Dr. Byers, of Melita, is in town, he is one of the important witnesses in the Vaughan case and held the post mortem examination on the deceased, George Randall.

Mr. Dan Mann, who is a brother of Mrs. Hamilton, of 10th street, has been in Ottawa, leaves there shortly and will during the summer direct the operations of the North Star Silver mine.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Douglas, who are visiting Mr. Douglas' people in England, have written to Mrs. Douglas' parents (Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Lee) that it is their intention to return in the spring.

After the meeting of the Farmers' Institute on April 1st. There will be a meeting of farmers to discuss the action of the government re the petition, which was passed at the Farmers' Mass meeting and forwarded to Ottawa.

Mary Fijda, a German woman who lives on the flats, complains that some of her neighbors blame her wrongfully for the loss of a sum of money; what she feels worst over is that the slander continues, when the real offender is known. She threatens an action in self protection if her accusers do not desist.

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Mr. J. P. Brisban, agent for the Northern Pacific Railway, is collecting for exhibition at the World's Fair, Chicago, samples of grasses, fruits, etc., of the province and the Territories. We have no doubt the gentleman's collection will be a fine one.

The Local Normal School closed on Tuesday of last week. The literary society held its last meeting the Monday previously. There was a very interesting programme which was concluded by short addresses from Messrs. McKee, Argue and Wilson.

The A.O.U.W. propose having an At Home on Friday night, 31st March, in honor of the dedication of their new Hall. They have just purchased a new Grand Piano for the use of the different institutions who use their hall. They also rent the hall with use of piano at a normal rental.

## Farmer's Institute.

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will work as they chose. I am in favour of the new system.

Mr. Kennedy said.—He thought it would be a good plan to appoint an overseer over the postmasters.

Rev. Mr. Roddick.—Was afraid that it would not do to appoint an overseer. He was in favour of the old system. Cash was very hard to get out of the farmers, particularly in the spring of the year and they preferred to do their work in time.

Mr. Postlewaite said.—He thought that if the municipalities were to raise money so as to put the roads in thorough repair, as they were, they never would be worth anything.

Mr. Middleton said.—He had been 13 years in the country and he had far better roads when he first came than he had now. He was in favour of the new system.

Mr. Pentland said.—In the old statute labour system it was very hard to get those men to do a day's work.

Mr. Doran, was in favour of the new system and said he considered that any man was worth more than the amount he was taxed, on his own farm, if he was worth anything at all. He thought the argument as absurd one, that the money was hard to get. He was always able to pay his off his farm.

Mr. Vantassel, was of the opinion that if you could get thoroughly reliable path-masters and overseers, the old system was a very good one, but as it was, he was in favour of the new, he was also in favour of having the roads ploughed and seeded.

Mr. Postlewaite asked Mr. Vantassel if the roads were there as roads, or as a place to propagate noxious weeds, he thought that it was ridiculous to have roads ploughed and cropped.

Mr. Doran made some remarks.

Mr. Roddick said.—That if Mr. Doran had been as long in the council as I have he would know that it was very hard to get money. He was sorry to say there were thousands unable to pay and he was afraid that there would be thousands more unable to do so.

Mr. Leech, secy. of the Institute, was in favour of the new system.

Mr. Percival said.—He thought it would be a very good plan if they made one good road four miles apart, so that no man would have more than two miles to go before he got on a good one. Mr. Sargent, Secy. of Dalry.—He was in favour of the new system and when he became recve he asked the councillors to find out the feeling of the people. He found that in his municipality, that owing to the very great scarcity of money and the penurious state of the farmers, they were against it.

Mr. Wilson thought that the new system should be under the management of an overseer.

The following amendment to Mr. Doran's motion was proposed by the Rev. Mr. Roddick—Mr. Koester, That this meeting is of the opinion that the statute labour system, when properly carried out, is the most desirable in the present state of the country.—Lost.

Mr. Doran—Mr. Middleton.—That this meeting is of the opinion that the new system is preferable to the old.

—Carried. The subject for next meeting to be discussed is Emigration.

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